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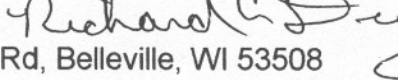
The Problem:

As shoreline property throughout the state has expanded over the last few decades, waterfowl hunters have lost locations and opportunities to hunt in Wisconsin. Most other Midwestern states allow open-water hunting. Open water or layout hunting is considered a challenging and rewarding activity by hunters across the United States.

Reasons often cited to restrict open water hunting include that waterfowl will be pushed out of roost areas and will migrate from the state sooner and that open water hunting causes conflicts with other users of lakes and rivers. These reasons are based on conjecture and are not experienced by surrounding states that allow open water hunting. Additionally, most lakes and rivers see little use other than by waterfowl hunters and hard-core anglers after mid-October.

Whereas, the restriction on open water waterfowl hunting limits opportunities without significant benefit,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Green County on **April 10, 2006**, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes to allow open water waterfowl hunting if beyond 500 feet of any lake or bay shoreline, beginning on the 16th day of the waterfowl season, on lakes in excess of 1,000 acres in size and on sections of rivers where the 500 foot rule can be met.

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County Vote: (by show of hands or written ballot where appropriate)

YES 21 NO 9